Application/Control Number: 09/890,536 Page 2

Art Unit: 2194

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes
and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided
by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be
submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ramraj Soundararajan on 12/5/08.
- Amend the claims according to the following paragraph:
- 1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of activating a process, said method implemented via computer program code stored in said computer, said method comprising: generating one or more first plug-ins each configured to activate a target process; dynamically registering the first plug-ins with a second plug-in; permanently storing information relating to each registered first plug-in; and activating at least one target process based on said permanently stored information: providing a unique identifier for each target process; and sending and receiving a message between the first and second plug-ins using the identifiers, wherein the message includes information relating to a state change of the target processes, and wherein the state includes an activated state and a deactivated state.

Application/Control Number: 09/890,536 Page 3

Art Unit: 2194

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

storing a flag for each registered first plug-in;

perpetually activating the corresponding target process if the flag is set to a first state; and

activating the corresponding target process upon a request if the flag is set to a second

state.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

generating an exception to indicate that a target process is inactive when its flag is not set to the first state or the second state.

4. (Canceled)

(Canceled).

(Currently Amended) A server computer in a client-server computer system,

comprising:

a processing unit; and

a storage device storing computer program code implementing at least:

one or more first plug-ins each configured to activate a target process;, and

a second plug-in configured to dynamically register the first plug-ins and to

permanently store information relating to the registered first plug-ins; and

a memory configured to store a flag for each registered first plug-in, wherein the

Application/Control Number: 09/890,536 Page 4

Art Unit: 2194

second plug-in is further configured to perpetually activate target processes having their

flags set at a first state and to activate target processes, upon receiving a request, having

their flags set at a second state.

(Canceled)

8 (Currently Amended) The server of elaim 7claim 6 wherein the second plug-in is

further configured to generate an exception to indicate that the target process is inactive when the

flag is not set to the first state or the second state.

9. (Original) The server of claim 6 further comprising:

a first computer program object configured to provide a unique identifier for each target

process and configured to send a message using the identifiers.

10. (Original) The server of claim 9 wherein the message includes information relating a state

change of the target processes, and wherein the state includes an activated state and a deactivated

state.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to PHUONG N. HOANG whose telephone number is

Art Unit: 2194

(571)272-3763. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng A. An can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Meng-Ai An/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2195 /P. N. H./ Examiner, Art Unit 2194